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SUBJECT: CORVALAN VISIT TO HUNGARY

- 1. SUMMARY: CHILEAN CP SECRETARY GENERAL LUIS CORVALAN VISITED HUNGARY FROM MAY 18-23 RECEIVING LAVISH, HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION FROM HSWP AND GOH. INCLUDED IN CORVALAN ENTOURAGE WERE HIS WIFE AND CHILEAN CP, POLITBURO MEMBER GLADYS MARIN. PARTICIPATING IN THE VISIT WAS TOMAS SOLIS DESCRIBED AS CHILEAN CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER AND PARTY REPRESENTATIVE IN HUNGARY. END SUMMARY.
- 2. CORVALAN WAS MET AT AIRPORT BY HSWP FIRST SECRETARY JANOS KADAL WHO ALSO RECEIVED HIM FOR BUSINESS MEETING, ATTENDED DINNER GIVEN BY HSWP POLITBURO AND ATTENDED DEPARTURE CEREMONIES AT AIRPORT. DURING HIS STAY CORVALAN ALSO GIVEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREAT ATTENTION BY POLITBURO MEMBER BELA BISZKU; HSWP FOREIGN POLICY KINGPINS, ANDRAS GYENES AND JANOS BERECZ; AND YOUTH LEADER AND POLITBURO MEMBER, LASZLO MAROTHY. CORVALAN ALSO MET WITH PRESIDENT PAL LOSONCZI. VAST ARRAY OF HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTY AND GOVERNMENT LEADERS ATTENDED BANQUET HELD FOR HIM. PATRIOTIC PEOPLE'S FRONT HELD A MASS MEETING IN SUPPORT OF CHILEAN CP STRUGGLE AGAINST

PINOCHET REGIME. USUAL TOURS AND MEETINGS WITH OTHER MASS ORGANIZATIONS ALSO TOOK PLACE.

- 3. MEDIA GAVE EXTENSIVE COVERAGE TO VISIT AND REFLECTED HSWP DELIGHT IN HAVING OCCASION TO ATTACK SUCH A VISIBLE TARGET AS PINOCHET GOVERNMENT. OCCASION USED TO CONDEMN, WITH USUAL LACK OF OBJECTIVITY, HUMAN RIGHTS SITUATION OF "PERSECUTED" COMMUNISTS AND "PROGRESSIVE FORCES" AND TO NOTE THAT "FASCIST REGIME" CAME IN POWER IN CHILE WITH SUPPORT OF THOSE, IN KADAR'S WORDS, WHO, AS CHAMPIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS, ARE QUESTIONING OUR (SOCIALIST COUNTRIES) CIVIL LIBERTIES. CHILEAN AND HUNGARIAN COMMUNIST PARTIES DECLARED THEIR SOLIDARITY. CHILEANS THANKED HSWP FOR ITS SUPPORT AND PRAISED HSWP FOR CONSTRUCTION OF SOCIALISM IN HUNGARY. TWO PARTIES CALLED FOR RELEASE OF LATIN AMERICAN AND PARTICULARLY CHILEAN POLITICAL PRISONERS.
- 4. IN HIS REMARKS WITH REGARD CHILEAN SITUATION, CORVALAN CLAIMED CHILEAN CP REMAINS VITAL, THOUGH TEMPORARILY SUPPRESSED, FORCE IN CHILE. HE SAID HIS PARTY WORKING FOR UNITY OF ALL ANTI-FASCIST FORCES IN CHILE INCLUDING CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS TO OVERTHROW THE "DICTATORSHIP", WORK OUT AN AGREEMENT ON WHAT KIND OF DEMOCRATIC SYSTEM TO ESTABLISH AND FORM A GOVERNMENT IN WHICH ALL "ANTI-FASCIST" PARTIES TAKE PART.
- 5. COMMENT: VISIT WAS OCCASION FOR PROPAGANDA LOVE FEAST, MUTUAL BACKPATTING AND SELF-RIGHTEOUS SHAME-ON-PINOCHET-AND-HIS-IMPERIALIST-SUPPORTERS RHETORIC. US, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HOWEVER, NEVER FINGERED SPECIFICALLY. HSWP AND KADAR WENT ALL OUT TO GIVE CORVALAN CORDIAL AND PRESTIGIOUS TREATMENT WHICH IS NOT UNUSUAL SINCE IT COST NOTHING AND FITS IN WITH HSWP POSTURING FOR BELGRADE FOLLOW-UP MEETING.

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